

DEGREE ATTAINMENT PROFILE

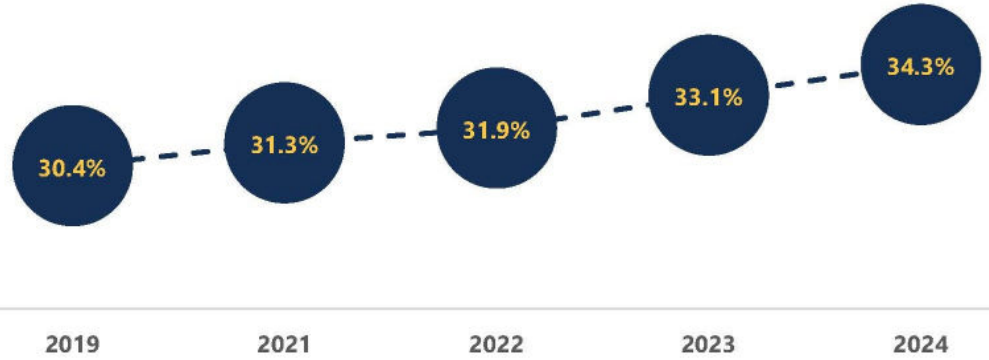
Polk

Residents aged 25-64 with a high-quality degree¹

34.3%

Increased 5.7% since 2015

County Rank: **35** of **67**



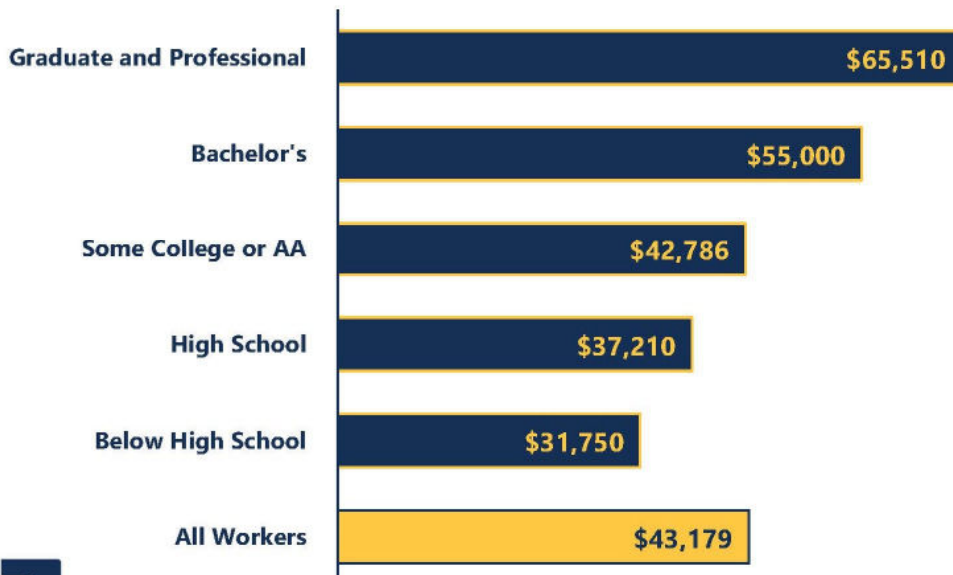
County-by-county comparisons based on selected criteria^{1,2,3}

Attainment Rate		
Rank	County	Rate
33	Charlotte	36.8%
34	Sumter	34.4%
35	Polk	34.3%
36	Marion	34.0%
37	Hernando	33.9%

Attainment Rate by Population			
Rank	County	Total Pop.	Rate
7	Pinellas	963,481	49.9%
8	Lee	817,666	39.4%
9	Polk	790,694	34.3%
10	Brevard	632,780	49.1%
11	Pasco	611,444	42.9%

Percent Living Below Poverty Level			
Rank	County	% Below	Rate
36	Duval	14.1%	45.5%
37	Marion	14.4%	34.0%
38	Polk	14.5%	34.3%
39	Escambia	14.7%	42.0%
40	Miami-Dade	14.7%	47.0%

Residents 25+ Median Annual Earnings⁴



The fastest growing jobs in Florida are those requiring **education beyond high school**, according to Florida Department of Commerce.



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State of Florida

Degree attainment by county and age group

County	25-34	25-64	County	25-34	25-64	County	25-34	25-64
Alachua	66.2%	61.8%	Hardee	21.9%	18.7%	Okeechobee	21.2%	25.2%
Baker	31.2%	24.9%	Hendry	29.1%	21.8%	Orange	54.0%	52.7%
Bay	39.8%	42.6%	Hernando	33.0%	33.9%	Osceola	44.8%	43.9%
Bradford	18.0%	22.6%	Highlands	28.8%	31.7%	Palm Beach	48.6%	49.6%
Brevard	46.4%	49.1%	Highlands	28.8%	31.7%	Pasco	42.9%	42.9%
Broward	50.8%	49.2%	Hillsborough	52.4%	49.9%	Pinellas	51.1%	49.9%
Calhoun	15.6%	20.6%	Holmes	13.3%	19.8%	Polk	33.6%	34.3%
Charlotte	34.4%	36.8%	Indian River	41.4%	42.0%	Putnam	15.5%	19.9%
Citrus	26.1%	29.1%	Jackson	19.4%	24.6%	St. Johns	56.9%	63.0%
Clay	40.8%	41.0%	Jefferson	28.5%	29.3%	St. Lucie	38.7%	38.5%
Collier	41.0%	45.4%	Lafayette	14.7%	15.0%	Santa Rosa	44.5%	46.8%
Columbia	29.0%	27.9%	Lake	41.1%	40.6%	Sarasota	50.2%	49.8%
DeSoto	15.3%	15.5%	Lee	40.7%	39.4%	Seminole	57.8%	57.6%
Dixie	18.1%	15.5%	Leon	59.4%	58.8%	Sumter	24.8%	34.4%
Duval	46.3%	45.5%	Levy	22.5%	26.9%	Suwannee	15.8%	25.1%
Escambia	42.0%	42.0%	Liberty	13.0%	23.0%	Taylor	19.6%	21.4%
Flagler	32.8%	43.5%	Madison	30.6%	25.2%	Union	19.4%	20.0%
Franklin	10.4%	27.9%	Manatee	39.9%	44.5%	Volusia	41.0%	41.1%
Gadsden	16.8%	27.3%	Marion	31.1%	34.0%	Wakulla	32.4%	31.5%
Gilchrist	22.7%	24.6%	Martin	40.6%	46.3%	Walton	32.4%	44.5%
Glades	28.6%	18.9%	Miami-Dade	50.1%	47.0%	Washington	20.7%	22.6%
Gulf	17.0%	27.5%	Monroe	44.6%	47.6%	Florida	47.9%	47.4%
Hamilton	11.2%	20.3%	Nassau	44.6%	43.6%	U.S.	49.4%	47.8%
			Okaloosa	46.2%	48.1%			

Data Notes

1. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2024) 5-Year Table B15001, Sex by Age by Educational Attainment
2. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2024) 5-Year Table DP05, Demographic and Housing Estimates
3. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2024) 5-Year Table S1701, Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months
4. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2024) 5-Year Table S1501, Educational Attainment

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